(c) According to the Seventh Plan document of Planning Commission coal production in th$_e$ country has to reach to a level of 417 million tonnes i$_n$ the year 1999-2000. An annual growth rate of about 7.5 per cent has to he achieved to reach the desired level of coal production by th$_e$ turn of this century. Some of the important step$_s$ being taken to achieve this growth rate are as follows:

(i) Modernisation and reconstruction of the existing mines,

(ii) Opening of large capacity new opencast mines.

(iii) Upgradation of mining technology and equipment sizes.

Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

2019. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the new telephone exchanges set up in various parts of Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) what are the details regarding the new telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in Gujarat during the period from 1988 to 1990; and

(c) how many. telephone exchanges in Gujarat have been converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (E) 145 new Telephone Exchanges (excluding conversions) have been set up in various parts of Gujarat during the last five years as mentioned below :—

Year	Number of newe telephone exchanges opened
1983-84	34
1984-85	31
1985-86	39
1986-87	31
1987-88 (up'o 2/88)	10

(b) During 1988—90, it is proposed to set up about 40 new telephone exchanges in Gujarat subject to availability of equipment and th$_e$ demand of new telephone connections,

(c) During the last 3 years ,8 electronic exchanges have been set up in Gujarat as mentioned below:—

(i) Two new electronic telephone exchanges opened at Railwaypura <ti.d Narainpura in Ahmedabad City.

(ii) Six telephone exchanges converted into electronic exchanges at Meh-suna, Gandhinagar, Gandbidham (Kutch Veraval. Porbander and Kodinar.

Setting up of Power Projects in Orissa

2020. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to s^^{a}*e:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the setting up of the thermal power projects and hydro-electric projects as envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) what is the number of plants envisaged for Orissa and their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Capacity totalling about 22245 MW was programmed for commissioning during the Seventh Plan period. As against this, a total capacity of about 9906 MW has been commissioned/ roKed upto en^ of February, 1988.

(b) A capacity totalling 483 MW is programmed for commissioning In Orissa during the 7th Plan period at the following projects:

Project	Location (District)
Upper Kolab HEP	Koraput
Hirakud HE Scheme Stage-III	Sambalpur
Rengali HEP	Dhenknal
Potteru HEP	Koraput
Renkali HEP Extension	Dhenkanal

In addition, Orissa will also get its share from the Central Sector Project at Farakka (West Bengal) in the Eastern Region.

Concessions to Reliance Industries for Paraxylene

2021. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI JITENDRABHAi LABHSHANKER BHATT:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Limited has not obtained industrial licence for Paraxy Iene for manufacture of P.T.A.;

(b) whether any duty concession is being given to Reliance Industries Limited with regard to their consumption of Naphtha or any by-product including Paraxylene;

(c) whether Paraxylene is used as raw material for D.M.T. also; and

(d) what are the reasons for giv ing concession to Reliance Industries Limited with regard to consumption or production of Paraxylene?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. held an Industrial Licence for the manufacture of Pure Terepathalic Acid which entitles the company to undertake manufacture of the intermediate Paraxylene for captive consumption, as per the provisions of the Industrial (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

(b) Decision on such matter are taken on merits and as per policy.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No special concession has been given.

Distribution of Molasses

2022. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Guja rat has demanded maximum inter-State allocation of Molasses from neighbouring States for the produc tion of cattle-feed in the State;

(b) whether Central Molasses Board is considering to allocate mol asses to Gujarat from Maharashtra to save the valuable livestock in the State which is facing very severe drought if so, what is the quantity to be allocated;

(c) whether the Central Govern, ment will implement the recommendations of the Jalan Committee and also of the working group on levies on molasses and alcohol and if so, whether the Uttar Pradesh Government will be asked to lower export fees on alcohol;

(d) what are the hurdles in the implementation of the recommendations of the Jalan Committee and whether Government are considering any central legislation to regulate the distribution of molasses; and

(e) whether it has come to the Centre's notice that surplus States have underestimated their surplus figures to avoid distribution and if so, what action is contemplated against them.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An allocation for lifting of 19,000 tonnes of molasses for Cattle-feed & fodder manufacturing units in Gujarat (25,000 tonnes from Maha rashtra, 18,000 tonnes from U. P. and 6000 tonnes from Pondicherry) has already been made which has not yet fully exhausted. The validity date, has, therefore; been extended upto 30th April, 1988. More quanti ties will also be allocated for cattle feed purposes, jf needed.

(c) and (d) The State Govern ments, particularly those surplus in molasses and alcohol, (have been advi sed from time to time, to review the level of taxation on industrial alcohol